

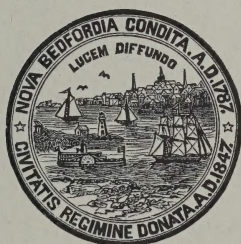
The Eighty-second Annual Report

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year 1934

Officers of the Free Public Library

FOR THE YEAR 1935

Trustees

Ex-officio	Terms expire January, 1936
CHARLES S. ASHLEY	Mayor of the City
OSCAR D. KELLEHER	President of the Board of Aldermen
WILLIAM MARTIN	President of the Common Council

Elected by the City Council

COOPER GAW,	Term expires April, 1935
W. A. ROBINSON, Jr.	Term expires April, 1935
FRANK A. MILLIKEN,	Term expires April, 1936
ALICE P. SHOCKLEY,	Term expires April, 1936
HANNAH B. ASHLEY,	Term expires April, 1937
CHARLES M. HOLMES,	Term expires April, 1937

Committees

On Library—	MESSRS. MILLIKEN, GAW, and MRS. SHOCKLEY
On Buildings—	MISS ASHLEY, MESSRS. HOLMES and ROBINSON
On Finance—	MISS ASHLEY, MESSRS. HOLMES and ROBINSON
On Branches—	MRS. SHOCKLEY, MESSRS. GAW and ROBINSON

Librarian

GEORGE H. TRIPP

Assistant Librarian

CLEMENT L. YAEGER

Cataloguer

EDITH H. COBB

Librarian's Secretary

MINERVA F. MAXFIELD

Heads of Departments

ALICE H. TRIPP	Reference Librarian
JANE E. GARDNER	Art Librarian
ETHEL WILCOX	Children's Librarian
GRACE D. SHERMAN	Circulation
L. GERTRUDE WILCOX	Genealogical Librarian

Desk Attendants and Assistants

EDITH H. BRODHEADDelivery Desk
ELSIE COLLINSIngraham Hall
FLORENCE E. FARWELLCatalogue and Ingraham Hall
HELEN S. KENNEDYAccession Room and Children's Room
LENA D. PAULL.....Accession Room and Children's Room
STELLA M. FERGUSONAccession and Art Room
MARIA E. MAXFIELDCatalogue and Art Room
ANNA CABRALAccession and Hospital
JANE T. THURSTON.....Children's Room
MARION H. BONNERReference Room
LUCY M. LAGASSEChildren's Room
ABBIE F. REEDNewspapers and Magazine Room

Branches

NorthAMANDA DION, MARJORIE COBB
SouthCLAIRE RILEY, HELENE LEDOUX
 CATHERINE A. CHASE
WestCLOTHILDA KOBZA

Pages

LOUISE E. KRUGER	JOHN REED
KATHLEEN U. LAWLESS	WALTER LAWLESS
ADA ALBIN	ELWYN GARDNER

Elevator

ALFRED MAYALL

Janitors

GEORGE SUNDERLAND	GARRISON L. OLIVER
GEORGE BRIGHTMAN	MARY WATSON

TRUSTEES' REPORT

*To the Honorable, the City Council of the City of New
Bedford, Mass.*

The trustees present their eighty-second annual report to the City Council in the Report of the Librarian, which has been adopted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

GEORGE H. TRIPP,

Clerk of the Board.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Free Public Library:

The Eighty-second Annual Report of the library will be much shorter than usual since the general condition of the library has been well covered in the pamphlet recently issued on, New Bedford Libraries - "Then and Now." In general I would say that the various departments of the library have been carried on, as usual, with increasing demands for information and opportunity for reading. Although the circulation is a little less than the peak years—as we find in the reports from all over the country—the work in the library is increasing in importance, and recognition of the value of the collection of books and the service rendered, is apparent. It is quite worthy of note that questions on matters which the New Bedford Library seems to be one of the few libraries which can answer, as queries on certain genealogical and maritime matters, pour in from various parts of the country; from California, Illinois, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina, to mention a few only of the sources of the questions which every few days come to our library.

It is gratifying to know that in the eighty-two years the library has accumulated a vast material of importance.

Through the aid furnished by the government agencies—the NRA and FERA—the main building and branches have

been renovated by painting the interior. Also the FERA has furnished the assistance of girls who have been able to arrange a large collection of manuscripts which were purchased from the Custom House many years ago, but which have never been arranged as the time and means were lacking. These girls have made a chronological arrangement in five year periods, stretching back over one hundred years. This material has already proved itself of value, as items on maritime matters can often be found there and nowhere else.

Some of the branches are receiving gifts of books which are very acceptable.

The South Branch is able, by its somewhat larger personnel, to have story hours which prove of value. During the year, eighty story hours were given; the first half of the year, two a week with an average attendance of thirty or forty at each session, and the latter half, three a week with a limited attendance of twenty-five. The assistants in that branch appreciate the work of the police in recovering overdue books, and in helping to maintain order in and around the building.

During the year the Main Library was able to send a collection of books to one of the light-ships, following a custom for a number of years.

In the Art Room there was a notable addition of an original painting by Dwight W. Tryon, presented by Oliver G. Ricketson of South Dartmouth and Washington. The Art Room had an exhibit of William Baylies' pictures, also drawings by Mr. Kenworthy.

During the year the Art Room and the Juvenile Room circulated 55,618 pictures.

The book collection on December 31, 1934, by actual count numbered 195,941.

During the year there were 770 meetings held in the library.

There were the usual Book Talks (thirteen) held on Monday afternoons during the winter months.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. TRIPP,

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Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT

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STATISTICS

Population of New Bedford, April 1, 1934, Assessors Estimate	109,105
Book Circulation	616,753
Main Library	265,653
Branch Libraries	183,678
School Collection	134,980
High School Library	5,330
Junior High Schools	18,399
St. Luke's Hospital	8,423
Inter-Library loans	290
Pictures loaned	55,618
Art Room 39,465; Juvenile Room 16,153	
Book Collection, December 31, 1934, actual count	195,941
Volumes rebound	4,880
Periodicals in Reading Room	337
Newspapers in Reading Room	46
Borrowers, active (5 year registration)	36,002

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		\$53,500.00
Salaries	\$37,985.78	
Wages	12,276.02	
Supplies	338.91	
Janitor's Supplies	164.74	
Repairs	189.29	
Furniture	479.71	
Lighting Branches	396.72	
Heating Branches	243.76	
Telephones	232.22	
Express and Carting	95.74	
Building miscellany	374.73	
Library miscellany	193.59	
Binding Periodicals	10.50	
Postage	74.41	
Periodicals	234.50	
Stationery	17.56	
Insurance	74.40	
Printing	78.45	
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To December 1	\$53,461.03	
Balance	38.97	
	<hr/>	\$53,500.00

December, 1934.

Appropriation		\$4,500.00
Salaries	\$3,200.19	
Wages	984.03	
Supplies	12.75	
Janitor's Supplies	4.10	
Repairs	22.92	
Express and Carting	1.57	
Building miscellany	20.35	
Library miscellany	4.00	
Postage	15.00	
Periodicals	225.25	
Stationery	3.25	
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	\$4,493.41	
Balance	6.59	
	<hr/>	\$4,500.00

KEMPTON FUND

Balance	\$1.42	
Receipts and Credits	8,823.20	
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Books	\$4,893.53	
Periodicals	807.78	
Binding Books	1,624.71	
Binding Periodicals	125.07	
Supplies	413.85	
Printing	314.20	
Library miscellany	254.19	
Book transportation	137.48	
Postage	205.53	
Stationery	46.94	
	<hr/>	\$8,823.28
Balance	1.34	
	<hr/>	\$8,824.62

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FUND

Balance	\$1.38	
Receipts and Credits	2,239.03	
	<hr/>	\$2,240.41
Books	\$1,179.65	
Periodicals	402.30	
Binding Books	395.03	
Binding Periodicals	14.00	
Supplies	13.15	
Printing	74.10	
Library miscellany	116.65	
Express and Carting	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,239.88
Balance	.53	
	<hr/>	\$2,240.41

December, 1934

Balance	\$.53	
Receipts and Credits	162.81	
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Books	\$113.27	
Supplies	13.95	
	<hr/>	\$127.22
Balance	36.12	
	<hr/>	\$163.34

GEORGE O. CROCKER FUND

Balance	\$ 67.43	
Receipts and Credits	568.13	
		\$635.56
Books	\$301.55	
Periodicals	30.50	
Insurance	148.80	
Supplies	14.34	
Janitor's Supplies	30.47	
Printing	48.00	
Library miscellany	15.12	
Express and Carting	3.63	
Repairs	16.98	
Lighting Branches	14.00	
Stationery	12.14	
	\$635.53	
Balance	.03	\$635.56

December, 1934

Balance	\$.03	
Receipts and Credits	112.50	
		\$112.53
Express and Carting	1.00	
Lighting Branches	51.78	
Telephones	18.67	
Heating Branches	14.40	
Book transportation	25.00	
	\$110.85	
Balance	1.68	\$112.53

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND

Balance	\$.82	
Receipts and Credits	16.25	
		\$17.07
Books	\$16.50	
Balance	.57	\$17.07

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND

Balance	\$ 3.29	
Receipts and Credits	32.50	
		\$35.79
Books	\$ 4.64	
Periodicals	15.00	
	\$19.64	
Balance	16.15	\$35.79

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CHARLES L. WOOD FUND

Balance	\$2.06	
Receipts and Credits	65.00	
		\$67.06
Books	\$31.05	
Periodicals	5.00	
Binding Periodicals	14.00	
Supplies	13.75	
Stationery	2.50	
	\$66.30	
Balance	.76	\$67.06

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR. FUND

Balance	\$15.60	
Receipts and Credits	52.00	
		\$67.60
Books	\$37.28	
Balance	30.32	\$67.60

December, 1934

Balance	\$30.32	
Receipts and Credits	0.00	
		\$30.32
Books	\$27.34	
Balance	2.98	\$30.32

OLIVER CROCKER FUND

Balance		
Receipts and Credits	\$32.50	
		\$32.50
Supplies	\$25.93	
Janitor's Supplies	2.62	
Library miscellany	2.25	
	\$30.80	
Balance	1.70	\$32.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

December 1, 1933 — November 30, 1934

Salaries	\$37,985.78
Wages	12,276.02
Books	6,464.20
Periodicals	1,495.08
Binding Books	2,019.74
Binding Periodicals	163.57
Supplies	819.93
Stationery	79.14
Janitor's Supplies	197.83
Repairs	206.27
Lighting Branches	410.72
Heating Branches	243.76
Postage	279.94
Telephones	232.22
Express and Carting	144.37
Printing	514.75
Furniture	479.71
Insurance	223.20
Book transportation	137.48
Library miscellany	581.80
Building miscellany	374.73
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	\$65,330.24

December, 1934

Salaries	\$3,200.19
Wages	984.03
Books	140.61
Periodicals	225.25
Supplies	26.70
Stationery	3.25
Janitor's Supplies	4.10
Repairs	22.92
Lighting Branches	51.78
Heating Branches	14.40
Postage	15.00
Telephones	18.67
Express and Carting	2.57
Book transportation	25.00
Library miscellany	4.00
Building miscellany	20.35
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	\$4,758.82

ANNUAL REPORT

Free Public Library

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

February 14, 1935.

Received, placed on file, and sent down for concurrence.

RODOLPHUS A. SWAN,

City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

February 14, 1935.

Concurred.

RUTH G. HILTON,

Clerk.

Attest:

RODOLPHUS A. SWAN,

City Clerk.

